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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Kevin J. McKernan

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Group: 1651

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For: Methods and Reagents for the Isolation of Nucleic Acids

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for filing a Reply to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004 for three month(s) from February 12, 2005 to May 12, 2005 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

In lieu of the specified Reply, Applicants are filing a Continuation application concurrently herewith. The Petition for Extension of Time is being filed to maintain the copendency of the instant application.

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1 month -	_____ \$ 60	_____ \$ 120
2 months -	_____ \$ 225	_____ \$ 450
3 months -	_____ \$ 510	<u> X </u> \$1,020
4 months -	_____ \$ 795	_____ \$1,590
5 months -	_____ \$1,080	_____ \$2,160

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